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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we launched our capital campaign, Bryant was a very different institution than it is today. We had great people, but our physical plant limited our options in developing new programs, recruiting top-flight faculty, and offering students the kind of comprehensive education for success that we believe is essential today. We felt a need to develop a beautiful campus adjacent to the Unistructure that would provide new facilities for learning experiences and green space for student activities.

Now, we celebrate the astonishing success of the Campaign—"It's About Changing Lives"—in a campus transformed. The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology has become the cornerstone of intellectual life on campus, with traditional print resources in the Krupp Library, absolutely state-of-the-art digital research and inquiry capability, and work-study rooms that allow for a team approach consistent with the learning requirements of students today. With the completion of the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, we have a fitness and work-out facility that helps students maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a series of well-attended sessions on weight management, diet, stress reduction, smoking cessation, and other topics. With renovations in facilities across campus including the Unistructure, the Bryant Center, and the Koffler Center, the Campaign has enabled us to develop a physical plant that allows us to meet our strategic goal: to provide a student-centered experience focused on academic excellence.

And it's working far better than we had any reason to expect. The applicant pool for Fall 2005 was the largest ever, and the quality of applicants was the highest ever. From this pool, we were able to select, recruit, and provide for our biggest and best first-year class in history, with 830

students and an average SAT up 40 points versus last year. Resources from the Campaign have enabled us to not only create financial aid packages that give these great students an opportunity for a Bryant education, but to provide them IBM Pentium IV laptops to use on a campus that outside evaluators have consistently praised as among the best in the nation in terms of wireless access and technological innovation. We've also diversified our student body with increasing numbers of students from throughout the nation and around the world, and developed programs to ensure that all students can make an effective transition into college.

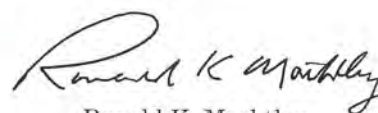
If there's one overriding lesson I've absorbed, it's that a higher education institution can't be static; just as the world is changing, we must embrace change. We wouldn't have developed our acclaimed international program, achieved university status, expanded our athletic programs, renewed our AACSB accreditation, enhanced our national and international reputation, or attracted the quality of people that you find here today if we'd been satisfied with being "good enough." It is our mission, it is our destiny to be great.

If we were to list the names of the people who have contributed to this institutional transformation, it could fill up this whole issue of *Bryant Business*. It's about great faculty, terrific students, dedicated and enthusiastic alumni, committed volunteers, far-sighted and generous donors, smart and hardworking staff. It's about changing lives.

With your continuing help, engagement, and support, we have changed thousands of lives and will continue to do so far into the future.

On behalf of everybody in the Bryant community, thank you—for your extraordinary generosity, for your belief in our potential, for your engagement in our vision.

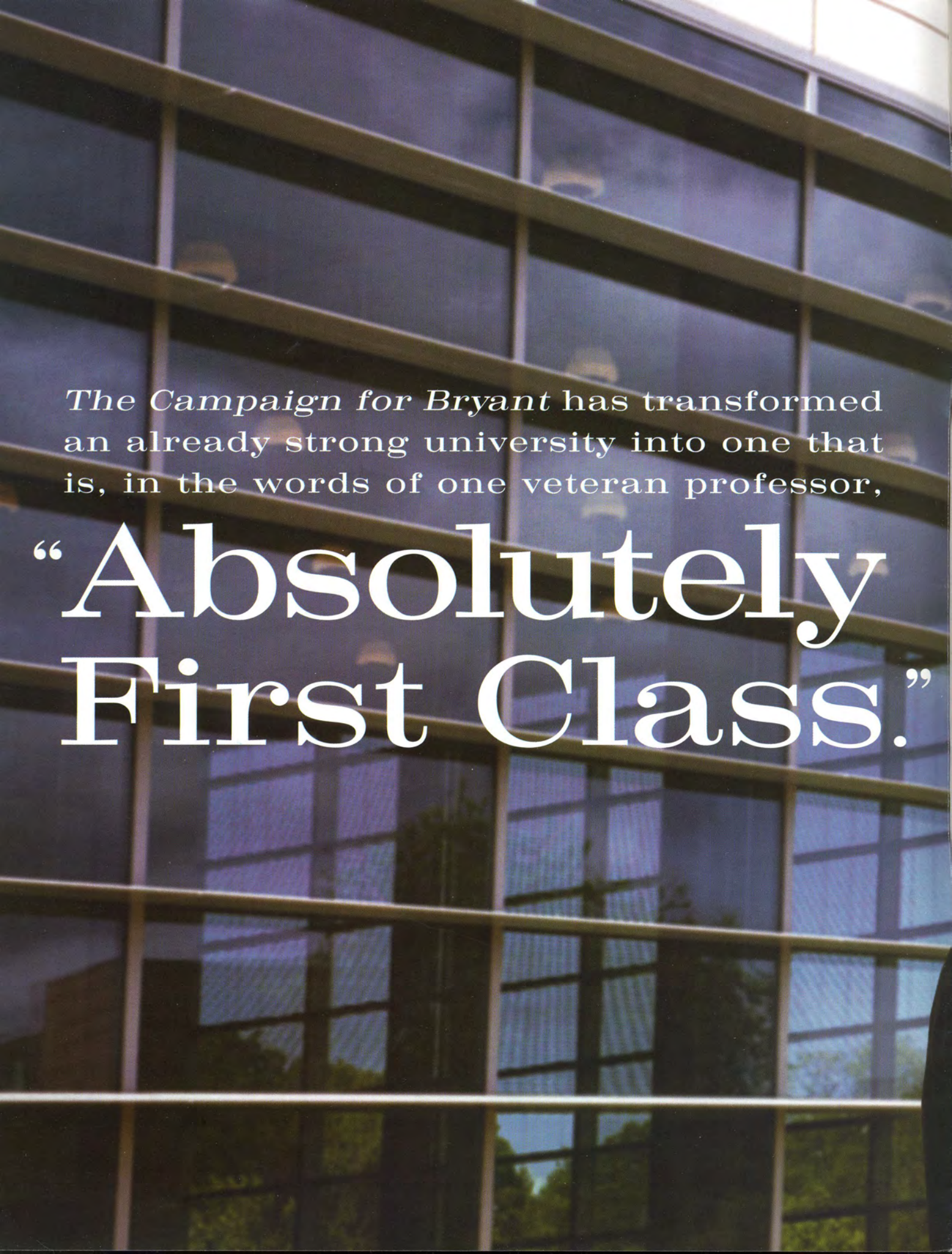
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The Campaign for Bryant has transformed
an already strong university into one that
is, in the words of one veteran professor,

“Absolutely
First Class.”



Jack Callahan '56, George Bello '58, and Malcolm "Kim" Chace led The Campaign for Bryant to a triumphant conclusion.



What began as just a gleam in the eye of a few of Bryant's visionary leaders has become a stunning, full-fledged reality: *The Campaign for Bryant* has surpassed its \$35-million goal and is fulfilling its promise to change lives. From the dean's-listed freshman who learns he's won a scholarship to the professor who now uses new state-of-the-art technology to expand and enrich her classroom instruction; from the million-dollar philanthropist lit up with pride to the newly minted graduate digging \$25 out of her jeans pocket for the senior class gift—everyone is taking home the prize.

"It's an emotional thing for me," says Jack Callahan '56, outgoing chair of the board of trustees and vice chair of *The Campaign for Bryant*. Callahan received an honorary doctorate from Bryant in 2005 and describes the tremendous pride he felt looking out from the stage at a sea of happy faces at Commencement. "You've never seen so many positive, upbeat people," he says. "You think to yourself, 'Holy mackerel, where did these kids come from?'"

The Bryant family has good reason to be celebrating. The University set an ambitious—some thought *too* ambitious—\$35 million goal for its capital campaign. "At the beginning, a few people questioned what we were doing," Callahan concedes. Bryant had never conducted an extended campaign before, and, with its origins as a proprietary institution, had only a brief history of alumni giving. "But now," Callahan says, "there are believers all over campus."

Hasbro chairman and CEO Alan Hassenfeld, though not a Bryant graduate, was among the first to get the campaign ball rolling in 1998 with a \$1.5 million donation. Hassenfeld has been a board member at Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, and other leading institutions over the years, but continues to serve as a Bryant trustee because, as he says, the place has got real people who are getting things done. After he made his gift to the Campaign, he stepped back and said, "Now it's time for the alums to give."

That was all George Bello '58 and his wife Carol needed to hear. "It wasn't a question of yes or no, it was a question of how much," George Bello says. "The beauty of having some financial success is being able to give back to the institutions that have helped you." His lead gift of \$5 million enabled Bryant to get started on one of the crown jewels in the Campaign's master plan—the

George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, designed by the same world-renowned architects who designed additions to the New York Public Library and Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum: Gwathmey Siegel and Associates.

"Bryant is clearly on the move," says vice chair of the Campaign Malcolm "Kim" Chace, whose gift helped build the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center. "Applications are up, incoming student quality is at an all-time high—it just makes sense to build on this great foundation."

After the exciting momentum of its launch, the Campaign weathered the dot com crash of 2000 and the 9/11 attacks that forced many institutions to batten down their hatches and conserve resources. Throughout, the Bryant family persevered, holding campaign functions in cities all over the nation—Boston, Miami, Chicago, San Francisco—and meeting a \$750,000 challenge grant

from the Kresge Foundation. Alumni from all generations came together to push annual giving to a record high, infusing Bryant with general funds for a variety of university enhancements including scholarships and expanded programming.

The Campaign has also enabled the University to recruit and retain the best possible faculty, a crucial

goal of the University's first strategic plan. "Great students come about by being taught by great teachers," says Bello, who is still in touch with his accounting professor, John Renza, Sr. '43. "He was a role model for me," he adds. "I can still picture his worksheets on the board!"

An institution that has never satisfied itself with the status quo, Bryant has continued to look for new ways to provide the best, most relevant education to its students. And the Campaign has made it possible for the University to achieve its mission of educating the whole student—to prepare students to achieve their personal best in life and in their chosen professions.

So of course the Campaign has made a profound difference to students and faculty on campus today. It's also made a difference to donors, who feel in their hearts what it means to have a positive impact on so many people. In the pages that follow, you'll hear the voices and see the faces of Bryant students, donors, professors, and alums who can attest to the electricity generated by the Campaign—the enthusiasm, commitment, and involvement—and to the remarkable way the Campaign has changed their lives. 🍎





BIRTH OF A TRADING ROOM

When Kristin Stein '05 was in high school she knew she wanted to study business.

But when she visited Bryant's campus the summer before her senior year of high school, she had a hard time seeing past the orange construction fences, the clods of unearthed dirt, the rumbling bobcats and drills. "I was so discouraged," says Stein, who didn't realize she was looking at the nascent George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

When Stein returned to campus eight months later for

an open house, however, she was completely won over—by the enthusiasm of the students she met, by a generous trustee scholarship that covered three-quarters of her tuition, and by the promise of what that construction work would soon become.

By the beginning of Stein's sophomore year at Bryant, the beautiful Bello Center—the centerpiece of *The Campaign for Bryant*—was open for business. Inside, the C. V. Starr Financial Markets Center's state-of-the-art trading room, along with a \$50,000 grant for curriculum development from the NASDAQ

Foundation, made possible a sophisticated kind of coursework that ultimately helped prepare Stein for her first job as a financial analyst for Citibank Private Bank in Manhattan this fall.

"The FMC gave us hands-on experience so we could see the theory put into practice," says Stein, whose studies included creating an investment portfolio with a tracking template linked up to Reuters live data. Now, Bryant's trustees have allocated \$200,000 of University funds for advanced finance students to manage in real portfolios in order to learn investment

strategy. "The Financial Markets Center takes students out of textbook thinking," says finance professor Asli Asciglu. "The students enjoy the courses so much, I don't think they notice how well they're learning."

Stein is grateful for the enhancements in the finance department and for the scholarship support she received. Otherwise she's sure she wouldn't have had the four-year college experience that she loved, the close relationships with Bryant faculty, and a great junior year-abroad experience. "I'd do it all again in a heartbeat," she says.



The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is home to the C. V. Starr Financial Markets Center's state-of-the-art trading room.

Campaign Highlight
January 1997

The New Century Plan for Excellence is approved by the Board of Trustees and the Pre-Campaign Planning Committee begins planning a major capital campaign.

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Joe Craviero '07, Somalisa Ker '08, and Julie McMahon '07 mix it up in the kitchen of the new ICC.



CREATING AN INTERCULTURAL HUB

Formerly located in a dorm room in the basement of Hall 6, Bryant University's Intercultural Center (ICC) has new digs where you can't miss them—squarely in the middle of the Bryant Center. Supported by *The Campaign for Bryant*, the spacious facility includes a lounge, a modern kitchen for preparing ethnic meals, a conference room, and administrative offices for the International Student

Organization (ISO) and the Multicultural Student Union (MSU)—organizations open to all Bryant students.

"The ICC's goal is to bring the world to Bryant, and the Center's new space caters to that," says Somalisa Ker '08, an accounting student and vice president of the MSU. "Students stop by all the time during the semester, before or after class. During finals, we're open at night for study sessions. We couldn't do that in Hall 6."

Ker, whose parents came to the U.S. from Cambodia in 1975, will be organizing two celebrations this year—Lunar New Year in February and Asian Pacific Heritage Month in April. "This was my calling," she says. "I can connect the Bryant campus with the Asian American community here in Providence because I'm part of both."

In supporting the ICC, the Campaign has achieved two mutually beneficial aims: serving the needs of Bryant's

multicultural population and fostering an appreciation of diversity among tomorrow's business leaders. "The ICC is a crucial part of the school's mission to prepare students for success in business and in life," explains Abraham Hunter, director of the Center. "Everyone who comes in the door is exposed to something new or different. You can't leave here without knowing more, without being challenged or awed."

WELLNESS FOR LIFE

When Mike Fisher '67 returned to campus in 1966 to finish his degree and work in the athletics department, his coach, Tom Duffy, loaned the basketball player and his new bride a set of furniture to fill their empty apartment. Fisher has since built a successful career in the financial services industry, but he has never forgotten all the things Bryant gave him, both before and after graduating. So when the opportunity came for him to take a prominent role in *The Campaign for Bryant*, he jumped—like the hoopster he once was. His gift was instrumental in helping to fund what would become the new Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, which meets current students' needs as holistically as Bryant met his own.

The facilities—"just sparkling in every respect," in Fisher's words—include an natatorium, cardiovascular and



Alumni gifts helped build the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center.

strength equipment, and Eannarino Group Exercise Room for kickboxing, spinning, yoga, and aerobics classes, among other activities. The Center also has a full-time health and wellness coordinator, Jennifer DiPrete, who has instituted such programs as "Wellness for Life," "Finding a Balance: Stress Management,"

and "Body Image and the Media" to support students both physically and psychologically. "My day is just not complete without my gym visit," says Rose Qualtieri '07, who, like other students, enjoys enhanced self-confidence and focus thanks to the Wellness Center. "I feel like a whole new person."



Mike Fisher '67

Campaign Highlight
October 1998

Carol and George Bello '58 make a \$5 million commitment to build the Center for Information and Technology.

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FROM TRAGEDY TO LEGACY

Bryant students are always out there getting and up-starting, and in 1985, a group of them once again started something new—in this case, the first new fraternity on campus in fifteen years. The fraternity brothers of Kappa Delta Rho had a great experience of fellowship and service, and after graduation, a group of them continued to get together for yearly golf outings.

Then the unthinkable occurred: Erik Constantino

'86 lost his nine-month-old son, Jason, to a severe case of bacterial meningitis. Shocked and saddened by the tragedy, Erik's fraternity brothers—many of whom were just starting families of their own—decided to reach out in the most meaningful way they could: they began a foundation in Jason's name to fund an annual scholarship at Bryant for a student majoring in marketing or management. The friends continue to meet annually to golf, but now about 90 others

join them, and the outing has become a benefit for the Jason Constantino Memorial Foundation Partners-in-Scholarship Fund.

Already the scholarship has made a critical difference to a number of Bryant students. "My mom and dad were so proud, and I was ecstatic," recalls last year's recipient, marketing major Derrick Pouliot '07, of the day he got his financial aid package in the mail. "It's a great honor, and it really helps my family." Pouliot made the Dean's List

his freshman year, and in his spare time he leads student tours for the admission office. "I feel privileged to give students a taste of what I experienced at Bryant," he explains. "I like being a messenger for that."

"I can't describe the feeling, being part of this," says Neil Rosen '86, who spearheaded the scholarship initiative. "It's huge, it's forever, it's truly something special."

A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE HEART

Janice Wilbur Sullivan's personal history has been tied up with Bryant's for the last century or so. Her grandfather, Elmer Wilbur, graduated from Bryant in 1913 and returned as Dean of Admissions and Dean of Men in 1946. She herself attended Bryant for several semesters in the 1970s, studying marketing and other courses she loved, but she did not complete a degree program. Her husband, Peter Sullivan, graduated in 1974 and remained active on campus, serving in various capacities including membership on the Campaign Steering Committee.

Three years ago Mrs. Sullivan became a trustee, and the family recently funded the Janice Wilbur Sullivan Endowed Scholarship to help a female Bryant student. "Education is so important," Sullivan says. "Once you have it, no one can take it away from you.

It's one thing to put your own children through school, but it feels very special to help a student in need."

"I love her," says Kristin Acciari '05, who has received the Sullivan scholarship for the last two years. "She's absolutely wonderful, and she's done so much for me." The scholarship was originally designated as a one-year grant. But when Sullivan met Acciari on campus two years ago, she was so impressed with her that she decided to extend the scholarship so it would stay with Kristin until she graduated.

"It gives me great pleasure to see someone finish school, to have a fresh start, and not be bombarded with loans," Sullivan says, a phenomenon Acciari can appreciate. "I just met a girl who's walking away from college with a bachelor's degree and a \$90,000 debt!" Acciari says. "A scholarship like this definitely makes

a difference for students."

And this is exactly what Janice Sullivan had in mind when she endowed the scholarship. "I did not graduate from Bryant," says

Sullivan, "but I am so proud to be affiliated with such a prestigious school and to know that I am helping to make a difference in a young lady's college education."

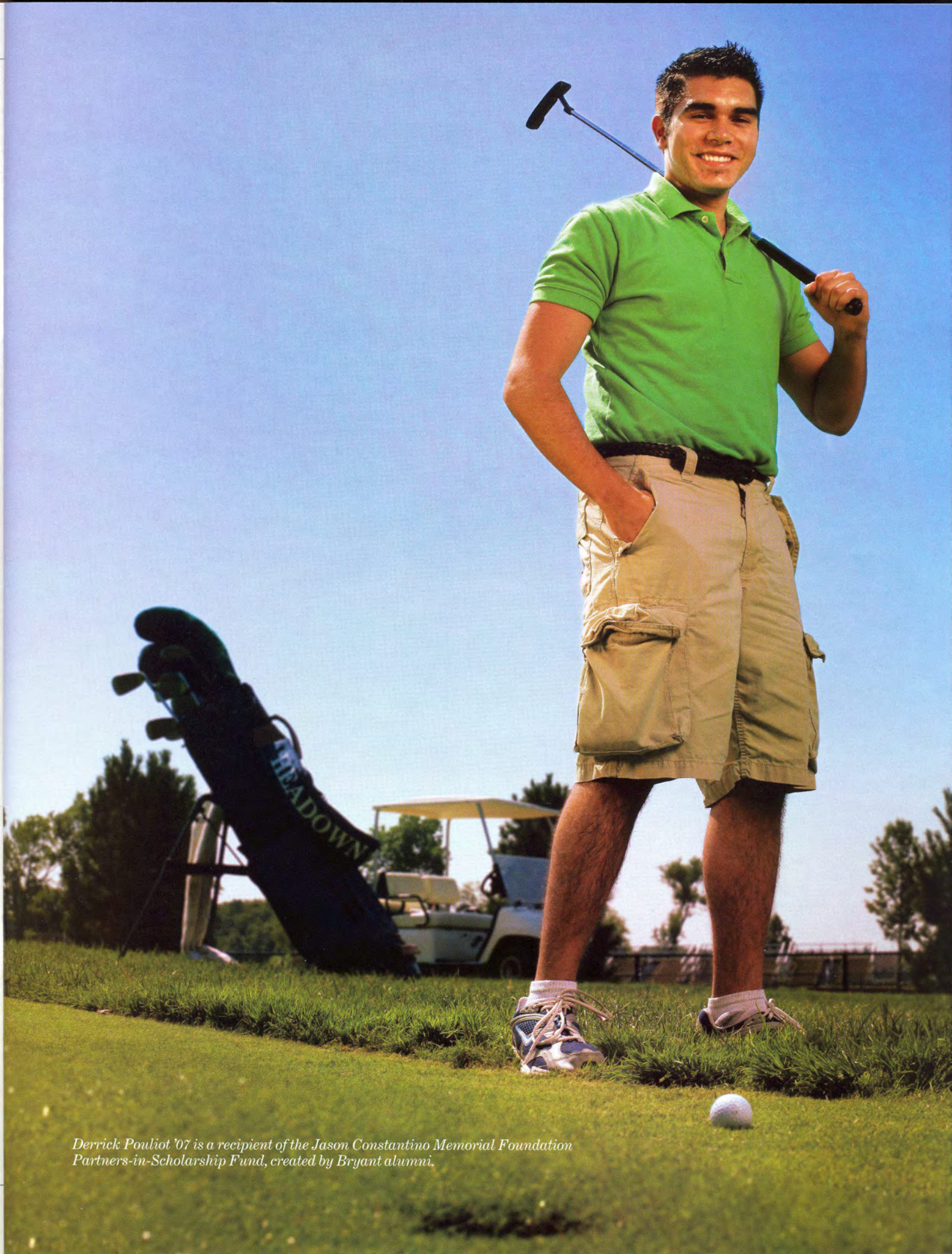


Kristin Acciari '05 is attending Bryant on a scholarship funded by Bryant trustee Janice Wilbur Sullivan.

Campaign Highlight
October 2001

The public phase of the Campaign is launched at a black tie gala, with \$22 million already committed toward the \$35 million goal.

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Derrick Pouliot '07 is a recipient of the Jason Constantino Memorial Foundation Partners-in-Scholarship Fund, created by Bryant alumni.



Like many other Bryant students, Daniel Fiandaca '06 saw his GPA go up after taking a course designed by Professor Laurie Hazard.



A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL STUDENTS

Bryant professor Laurie Hazard wrote the book on learning, namely, *Foundations for Learning* (Prentice Hall)—the basis for the University's Foundations for Learning course. The 15-week course began as an elective, but when research showed that students who took it earned a grade point average .5 higher than students who didn't, Bryant knew it had to make the course's learning strategies available to all incoming

students. The Campaign enabled the University to meet that imperative by providing funding to hire additional instructors. "I lost my control group!" Hazard says, but she is delighted to see that all boats have risen with the academic tide.

It's a trend that finance major Daniel Fiandaca '06 can confirm. "I had gone to a private high school and thought I knew how to study, but this course made a real difference for me," he says. Fiandaca describes how, just as the

freshmen were studying for their first mid-terms, the course immersed them in a unit on test preparation. "It couldn't have been more relevant," he says. And—true to the statistic—his GPA improved .5 points.

Fiandaca, who is completing a summer internship in institutional investment services at Fidelity, has also worked at Bryant's Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Comprised of a writing center and learning labs staffed by specialists and certified student tutors, ACE provides

one-on-one tutoring in every subject area Bryant offers and connects all first-year students with a faculty member for personal and academic support.

"You can learn how to do things the old-fashioned way—by making a lot of mistakes," says Hazard. "But that might damage your GPA. The Academic Center for Excellence and the Foundations for Learning course provide what's called the 'vicarious experience of consequences'—learning from someone else's mistakes."

DO THE RIGHT THING



Jane '79 and Keith Mahler '78 (shown here with Bryant's vice president for University Advancement Laurie Musgrove) funded a periodical center in the Bello Center.

In the Hollywood version of Jane and Keith Mahler's story, the couple would "meet cute" reaching for the same magazine in Bryant's library and, decades later, name a

periodical room in the Bello Center to commemorate their romance. In the actual version of the story, Jane '79 and Keith '78 (who really did meet as Bryant undergraduates) made their major gift to

The Campaign for Bryant for less nostalgic reasons: they trust the University to know where its greatest needs and opportunities lie and to make excellent use of donors' resources. "There's no better

place than Bryant to invest for the future," says Keith.

Not that sentiment didn't play a role in their decision. The Mahlers' years at Bryant had a great impact on their careers—Jane studied hotel and restaurant management and subsequently owned and ran her own banquet hall; Keith studied finance and is now a successful real estate investor—and on their personal lives, as well. "We have incredible memories and enduring friendships from Bryant," says Jane.

"For me," Jane continues, "giving to the Campaign came down to setting an example, to teaching the next generation that the institutions that matter to us will not survive without the generosity of people who can afford to give." Keith is more direct. "Giving back," he says, "is the right thing to do."

Campaign Highlight
August 2004

Living up to its promise of student-centered, academic excellence, Bryant College becomes Bryant University.

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MULTI-TASKING FOR BRYANT

Andrea Piccarelli '01 wears a lot of Bryant hats. There's the successful-alumna hat: immediately after completing her B.S., she landed a plum job in human resources for Tyco Engineered Products & Services. There's the current-student hat: she's now finishing a second degree at Bryant—this one with a concentration in communication—to complement her business background. There's the recruiter hat: Piccarelli

interviews business majors for positions at Tyco—a role that has given her a unique perspective on Bryant students' readiness for the job market. "I just don't see this level of preparedness in students from other schools," she says.

And now there's the donor hat: caught up in the excitement surrounding *The Campaign for Bryant*, Piccarelli took advantage of her employer's matching-gift program to begin an endowment at Bryant. Proceeds are

earmarked for two purposes. The Dr. Hinda Pollard Scholarship, named for a late Bryant management professor who was a big influence on Piccarelli, will assist a student who has a communication major or minor. Meanwhile, the Robert and Maureen Piccarelli Fund, named for her parents, supports enhancements for the communication department. "I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for Bryant and my parents who strongly encouraged me to attend," she says. "The

University continues to evolve and grow, and I want to add to that."



Andrea Piccarelli '01 has begun an endowed scholarship fund at Bryant.

A COMMUNICATION COUP



Laura Weiderhold '04 now works at WFXT-Boston Fox25.

Everybody laughed when Laura Weiderhold '04 told them she was going to business school to prepare for a career in broadcast communications. But one year after graduating from Bryant, Weiderhold is newsroom coordinator at WFXT-Boston Fox25, which reaches the fifth-largest market in the nation.

Bryant students who concentrate in communication

have typically gone on to careers in human resources, public relations, and ad agencies. But campaign resources have so enriched the communication department that, according to outgoing chair Stanley Baran, it's become a leading program in New England—and prominent on the national map as well. Now students like Weiderhold are landing jobs at newspapers, magazines, and broadcast media outlets.

Weiderhold credits her success to a winning combination of communication coursework, internships, and a solid grounding in business. ("After all," she says, "business is in everything!") Weiderhold undertook an independent study in media literacy—a sort of crash course in the history of television programming—that armed her with an excellent background in the industry. Another arrow

in her quiver was a senior year internship facilitated by Bryant's career services in the newsroom of WJAR, the NBC affiliate in Providence. "I learned the assignment side of the news working with editors in the mornings, following up on tips, deciding which stories would play on which news show," she recalls.

Weiderhold also got exposure to the technical side by going out on shoots with the satellite trucks and reporters—watching them write the story, do the voice-over, set up for a live shot, and seeing how sometimes a story could fall apart or take a 180-degree turn. "I got all this great career experience while getting paid to do something I loved," she says.

Other recent enhancements in the communication department include the hiring of three full-time faculty—including Wendy Samter, a

rising star in the field—and a new state-of-the-art television production studio that is part of the \$5-million renovation of the Koffler Center. The new TV studio has brought about new courses, such as a class in television production taught by Mike Montecalvo, the morning anchor on Rhode Island's Fox affiliate. In this advanced class, students produce a weekly program that is cablecast to every system in Rhode Island. "Our students write the theme music, they design the graphics, they write, research, and produce every episode in our magnificent studio," says Stanley Baran. "It's a terrific opportunity for them. And thanks to the Campaign, we don't have to patch things together. While other schools are grappling with reduced resources, Bryant can provide an education that's absolutely first class."

Campaign Highlight

December 31, 2004

The Campaign for Bryant concludes with more than \$40.5 million received from more than 17,500 donors.

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Bryant students gain hands-on experience in the new TV production studio in the Koffler Center.



A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

At Homecoming on September 24, 2005, a special reception for the class of 2000 dedicated a unique senior class gift: the stone wall in Hassenfeld Common. Installed in 2001, the wall is a focal point on the campus, flanking the brick alumni walk and joining the Bello Center with the Unistructure. Students play football and frisbee near it; they walk alongside it on their way to class. It frames their activities and forms the quadrangle in

the heart of Bryant's campus.

"We had an unusual amount of spirit and class identity," says Bob Fressola '00, who was co-chair of the senior class gift. "We wanted to give back to the institution that had given so much to us." The Bello Center had just broken ground that year, and the seniors saw underwriting the stone wall as their way of becoming part of the transformative project that was beginning just as they were leaving. The class of 2000 was also the first class to institute a multi-year pledge

structure, allowing young graduates to split a pledged gift over a five-year period. Inspired by the seniors' enthusiasm, Campaign vice chair Kim Chace matched their cumulative gift by 80 percent, bringing the class gift to a grand total of \$54,000.

Five years later, the seniors are still stepping up to the plate for Bryant: the recently graduated class of 2005 started a library endowment fund for their class gift. "It was a unanimous choice," says John Cullen '05, who

served on the student senate for his four years at Bryant. The students used a traditional network to raise funds for their class gift, with student executive board members who would recruit five donors from the class, who would then each recruit another five donors. Douglas Krupp '69 and the University worked together to match raised funds, bringing the gift to a grand total of \$72,000 for the endowment. Says Cullen, "It will be a gift that keeps on giving." ●



The stone wall in Hassenfeld Common was funded largely by the Class of 2000's senior gift.

CAMPUS NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON ATHLETICS



BRYANT ATHLETICS ENJOYS A MAJOR GROWTH SPURT

PRESIDENTS' CUP

In intercollegiate athletics, just as in the business world, consistency is an excellent measure of success. The Bryant University athletic program is demonstrating a consistent ability to compete and win at a high level. In the 2004-05 academic year, the Bulldogs received the Northeast-10 Conference Presidents' Cup trophy for the second straight year. The Presidents' Cup is awarded annually to the top overall athletic program among the 15 member institutions that make up the NE-10.

"Bryant University has again enjoyed a remarkable season of success," said conference commissioner David Brunk. "The commitment and dedication of its coaching staff and its student-athletes is extraordinary, and the entire institution should be extremely proud of this accomplishment."

Bryant claimed team conference titles in three sports: women's volleyball, women's tennis, and men's golf, while the women's softball team won its first-ever conference tournament championship in the spring. Men's tennis finished second in the final standings while softball, men's lacrosse, and women's lacrosse all placed third.

Bryant finished second in the Presidents' Cup standing in 2002 and again in 2003, before finally capturing the trophy following the 2004 season.

The Presidents' Cup is awarded to the institution that compiles the most points based

on the placement of each of its programs that compete in league championships. Points for men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, and men's golf are awarded based on placement in respective conference championships.

In addition to the success Bryant saw in conference competition, the athletic department also secured a spot on the national scene with eight student-athletes earning All-American athletic honors in 2004-05; 16 earned all-Region distinction, and more than 40 student-athletes were recognized for academic success in the classroom. Bryant also sent eight teams to various NCAA championships this year—highlighted by the men's basketball team's run to the NCAA Division II Championship game in March.



Jeremy Hall '06



Michelle Muniz '06

2004-05 NORTHEAST-10 PRESIDENTS' CUP FINAL STANDINGS

Institution	Total Points	Institution	Total Points
Bryant	160	Saint Anselm	88.5
Bentley	150	Saint Michael's	87.5
Stonehill	130	Franklin Pierce	87
Merrimack	126.5	College of Saint Rose	79
UMass Lowell	124.5	Pace	70.5
Le Moyne	110.5	American International	49.5
Assumption	102		



MEN'S BASKETBALL HONORED AT STATE HOUSE

The 2004-05 Bryant University men's basketball season will be remembered for years to come. During its run through the NCAA Division II tournament, the Bulldogs captured the hearts of the Bryant community and much of the state of Rhode Island in their quest for the school's first national title.

Though the men came up just short in the championship game, which was viewed on CBS by more than 3.6 million, they received a hero's welcome from a large group of cheering students as they returned to campus with a police escort that included two Rhode Island state troopers.

On April 6 the team was invited to visit the Rhode Island State House as guests of Governor Donald Carcieri—and they were saluted by

the Rhode Island Senate.

"No one will forget the thrilling run in the NCAA tournament," proclaimed Senate President Joseph A. Montalbano before a standing-room only session in the Senate Chambers. "These individuals are champions, leaders, and ambassadors."

Later that evening, President Machtley honored the Bulldogs with the NCAA finalist trophy at a campus rally.

The Bulldogs won a school record 25 games in 2004-05, led by junior regional All-American **John Williams '06** and **Mike Williams '04**, the Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

The 2005-06 men's team will open their season with away exhibition games against national powerhouses University of Connecticut (November 3) and UNLV (November 12).



John Williams '06

The successes in the Bryant University Athletics Department over the past couple of years have propelled Bryant to top status in the conference and enabled it to compete on regional and national stages.



Dan Gavitt

One of the key architects behind the Bryant athletics program's recent success has announced that he is leaving the University. Dan Gavitt, Bryant's highly respected Director of Athletics, will become the Associate Commissioner for men's basketball at the Big East Conference.

"My six years at Bryant University have been very special because of the incredible people on this campus," says Gavitt. "President Ron Machtley gave me an outstanding professional opportunity and I appreciate his confidence and support for the program. I'll miss working with the best coaches and student-athletes in the Northeast-10."

Since joining the Bryant University athletics department in 1999, Gavitt has overseen the

highly successful athletics program that has also focused on its athletes' academic success. A total of 40 student-athletes earned academic honors nationally and by the Northeast-10 Conference last year. During the 2000-01 campaign, Bryant earned the distinction of finishing third among all Division II institutions in student-athlete graduation rates.

Bryant has seen several teams win conference and regional titles and has won two straight Northeast-10 Conference Presidents' Cup trophies. Over the course of the past two seasons, Bryant captured eight conference titles, delivered 16 teams to the NCAA tournament, and has produced 18 All-Americans.

Also earning recognition by NACDA is Bryant graduate **Craig Bogar '76**, who was named NAIA Southeast Director of the Year. Bogar, director of athletics at the University of Mobile since 1999, was a two-time team captain of the men's swim team at Bryant and later earned his master's degree from the University of Maryland.

Award winners are selected by NACDA from four geographic regions—northeast, southeast, central, and west; the



Deidre Kittredge '05

NACDA membership is separated into six categories—Division I-A; Division I-AA/I-AAA combined; Division II; Division III; NAIA; and Junior/Community Colleges.

The Bulldog softball team enjoyed unprecedented success during the spring season, highlighted by the program's first-ever Northeast-10 Conference championship, and another trip to the NCAA tournament. Leading the charge was senior standout **Deidre Kittredge '05**, of Worcester, Mass. Kittredge was a force at the plate, hitting .413 with 62 base hits including a team-best five home runs. Her efforts were rewarded as Kittredge was named 2005 Northeast-10 Conference Softball Player of the Year, the first such honor in the program's history. Head coach Lisa-Ann Wallace won coach of the year honors by the NE-10 in 2002.

The Bulldogs posted a 29-17 record in 2005, winning the Northeast-10 Conference tournament championship with a 4-0 win over top-seed and host Le Moyne College, earning the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the second time in the program's history.

Well before the first championship trophy was awarded this past season, back when

the new academic year was barely a month old, Bryant women's tennis student-athlete **Sacha Solomon '07** was hard at work playing for a regional championship. Participating in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) East Regional Championships last September, the Bourne, Mass., native would claim the championship with a perfect 5-0 record and with it, represent Bryant and the East Region at the ITA Championships in Orlando, Fla.

Coming off an incredible freshman season in 2004—she was named the Northeast-10 Conference Player and Freshman of the Year and led Bryant to its first conference title and NCAA appearance—Solomon placed sixth at the nationals and finished the pre-season tournament with a No. 1 ranking in the region heading into the new season. In addition, Solomon's play earned her a No. 27 national ranking—the highest ever in school history.

Solomon's play during the preseason in the fall certainly helped set the stage for the spring season where the Bulldogs again proved to be the tops in the conference. They posted a 22-2 record in 2005 and earned their second-straight conference championship and berth in the NCAA tournament.



Sacha Solomon '07

CAMPUS NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY

NEW APPOINTMENTS

MEET THE DEANS

Bryant's change to university status last August has resulted in a reconfiguration of academics into a college of business and a college of arts and sciences, with a dean to oversee each. The College of Business continues Bryant's tradition for educating business professionals and leaders with programs that provide numerous career options along with a liberal arts component. At the same time, Bryant's Graduate School of Business is expanding its traditional business education by creating joint partnerships abroad. The College of Arts and Sciences offers degree programs and minors in the liberal arts, which are supplemented by core business courses.

In his new role as dean of the College of Business, **Jack W. Trifts** will lead the continuing development of business academic programs and standards. He began in this position on July 1. Trifts' academic career started in 1984 at the University of South Carolina, where he taught finance. Since 2002, he was dean and professor of finance at the School of Business, University of Southern Maine. From 1995

to 2002, he served as associate dean and interim dean at the Crummer Graduate School of Business, Rollins College. From 1997 to 1999, he was director of the school's two-year, full-time M.B.A. program.

Trifts earned a doctorate in finance and econometrics from the University of Florida, a master's degree in finance and accounting from Dalhousie University, Canada, and a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of New Brunswick.

Says Trifts, "There is no reason Bryant shouldn't be recognized as one of the top business programs in the country—or in the world." Trifts cites the quality of the programs, people, faculty, and the vision and leadership on the part of the senior administration as factors that attracted him to the University.

Longtime Bryant professor **David Lux** has been appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I'm looking forward to working with Jack Trifts," Lux says. "We look at the development of the two colleges as a joint venture."

Lux served as special assistant to the vice president for



David Lux and Jack Trifts

academic affairs before he was appointed dean of undergraduate studies in 2003. He came to Bryant in 1990 as an associate professor of history, and in 1996 was appointed chair of the department of history and social sciences. Prior to that, he was an assistant professor of history at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and published a major study on early modern scientific organizations—*Patronage and*

Royal Science: The Academie de Physique de Caen (Cornell, 1989). Dean Lux received bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Michigan.

"Bryant's approach gives students the basis for experiences that change lives—and they can bring their broader educational background into play with their skills and real-world problem solving."

NEW FACULTY

The following faculty members have joined Bryant for the 2005-06 academic year.

Esha Chatterjee, assistant professor of mathematics, has a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. from the Indian Institute of Technology; an M.S. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and a Ph.D. (May 2005) from the University of Rhode Island.

Carol DeMoranville, assistant professor of marketing, has a B.S. from The College of William and Mary; an M.B.A. from the Appalachian State University; and a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ramesh Mohan, assistant professor of economics, has a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Malaya and a Ph.D. from Kansas State University.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Associate Professor and Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services **Peter Nigro** presented a paper titled "Borrower-Lender Distance, Credit Scoring, and the Performance of Small Business Loans," written jointly with Robert DeYong and Denis Glennon, at the 41st Annual Bank Structure and Competition Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, this spring. More than 500 people attended the conference, which featured keynote speaker Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Nigro also presented the paper in June in Berlin, where the keynote speaker was the president of the Bundesbank.

Professor **Robert Conti** received a Shingo Research Prize Award for his co-authored article "The Effects of Just-in-Time/Lean Production on Worker Job Stress" at the 17th Annual Shingo Prize Conference held in April in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Shingo Prize was established in 1988 to promote an awareness of lean manufacturing concepts

and to recognize companies that achieve world-class status. *Business Week* has dubbed it the "Nobel prize of manufacturing."

Communication professor **Stanley Baran** served as Visiting Pastor at Kingston Congregational Church on February 20, giving the sermon "Speak the gospel in an accent not often heard in our culture," which focused on the United Church of Christ's activism in media freedom.

Professor of English **Tom Chandler**, who is also Poet Laureate of Rhode Island, was the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual Writers' Day conference held at Southern New Hampshire University in March. His address was titled "The Community Writer—Confronting Creativity on Demand." He was profiled in the April issue of *Education Update* and gave a lecture and poetry reading at Roger Williams University on April 28.

ILACQUA LECTURES IN SLAVIC COUNTRIES



Professor of economics Joe Ilacqua lectured at the European School of Management in Tbilisi, Georgia, in April. Pictured are Ilacqua (left) and his colleague Bardi Badri Gelitashvili, economics faculty at ESM. Ilacqua also visited the European Humanities University in Minsk, Belarus, and other universities in Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia to lecture and work with faculty, students, and colleagues as well as alumni from Bryant's Community Connections program.

IN MEMORIAM



Earl F. Briden

English professor and former dean of undergraduate studies **Earl F. Briden, Ph.D.**, died on January 28. A long-time resident of Cranston, he taught English at Bryant University from 1980 until 1995, when he

became assistant dean of faculty; he later became dean of faculty and, in 1997, dean of undergraduate studies. He returned to the faculty in 2003. At Bryant he also served as chair of the English department and coordinator of the communication program. He was awarded the Bryant Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award in 1994 and the Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Liberal Arts in 1989.

Dr. Briden received his Ph.D. in English from Brown University in 1970, his master's

degree from Brown in 1966, and his Ed.B. summa cum laude from Rhode Island College in 1963. Before teaching at Bryant, he was a faculty member at the University of New Hampshire and he had taught at the Leander Peck Junior High School in Barrington. A Mark Twain scholar, he published many articles and book reviews in scholarly journals and anthologies and he contributed a number of articles to the Mark Twain Encyclopedia. He was a member of the Mark Twain Circle, an affiliate of the

Modern Language Association. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1958, and spent two of these years in Buding, Germany, as a tank commander and tank driver with the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, with the primary assignment of relieving units patrolling the East German border.

Dr. Briden requested that donations in his name be made to the Bryant University Scholarship Fund, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, R.I. 02917 or to St. David's Memorial Fund.



Ron Machtley shakes hands with Zhang Jingao, president of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), acknowledging the alliance between the two universities during a visit to China in June. Pictured at center is Hong Yang, director of the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant.

YANG APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Committee on United States-China Relations selected Hong Yang, associate professor of science and technology and director of the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant, as a member and one of 20 Public Intellectual Fellows on the committee's new Public

Intellectuals Program.

The program aims to enrich understanding of policy-making processes in both the United States and China, establish useful relations with academic colleagues and policy practitioners, and contribute to the policy debate on China and how best to manage Sino-American relations. Funded by The Henry Luce Foundation and The C.V.

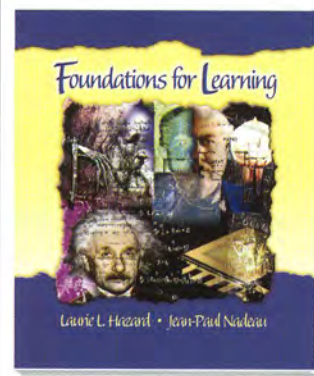
Starr Foundation, the program will bring the Public Intellectual Fellows to Washington and Beijing for briefings. In addition, they will accompany high-level delegations to visit both countries.

More than 125 scholars applied to the program. Yang is the sole representative in the academic environmental category. He will serve on the committee for two years.

NEW TEXTBOOK BASED ON BRYANT FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

Laurie Hazard, director of the Academic Center for Excellence, and J.P. Nadeau '90, former director of The Writing Center, are authors of the new textbook *Foundations for Learning*, published in June by Prentice Hall. Based on Bryant's successful first-year program of the same name, the book encourages college students to take responsibility for their own education and gives them the tools to do so. The

book was previously available only to Bryant students enrolled in the Foundations for Learning program. Says Richard J. Light, The Walther H. Gale Professor of Education at Harvard University, "This book is a winner for any college student. It is superbly written and chock full of good ideas, and just about every suggestion is 'actionable.'" *Foundations for Learning* will soon be listed on Prentice Hall's Student Success Supersite at www.prenhall.com/success and on Amazon.com.



OGBUEHI HOSTS M.B.A. STUDENT TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIA



MBA students who took part in the Southeast Asia trip are pictured with Alphonso Ogbuehi (left), professor of marketing.

In an April lecture titled "The Quest for Global Knowledge," five M.B.A. students shared how their business and cultural perspectives were transformed by a 20-day study voyage directed by marketing professor Alphonso Ogbuehi. The trip, which took place in January, brought the group to Singapore, Bangkok, Shanghai, and Hong Kong, enabling M.B.A. students to take an in-depth and up-close look at the fastest growing emerging markets in Asia. Students experienced first-hand the dynamism that characterizes the business environment of the major economic centers of China and Southeast Asia. Professional and personal testimonials about the experience were accompanied by inspiring video footage.



Bryant students on a boat tour of Hong Kong



Inside one of Bangkok's financial facilities

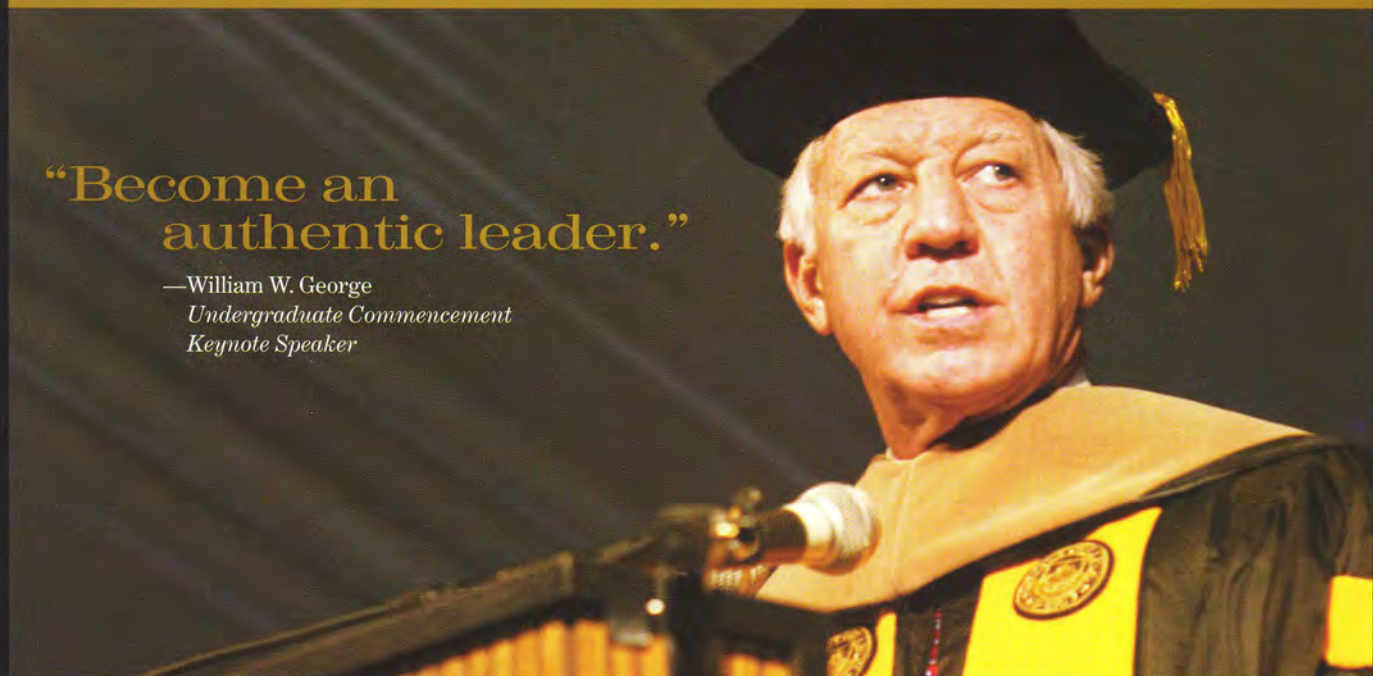
CAMPUS NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



COMMENCEMENT 2005

**“Become an
authentic leader.”**

—William W. George
*Undergraduate Commencement
Keynote Speaker*



Bryant's 142nd Undergraduate Commencement on May 22 was actually a first as well. The 683 seniors were the first undergrads to earn a degree from Bryant University. Three academic programs saw their first graduates walk across the stage to claim bachelor's degrees in communication, information technology, and applied psychology.

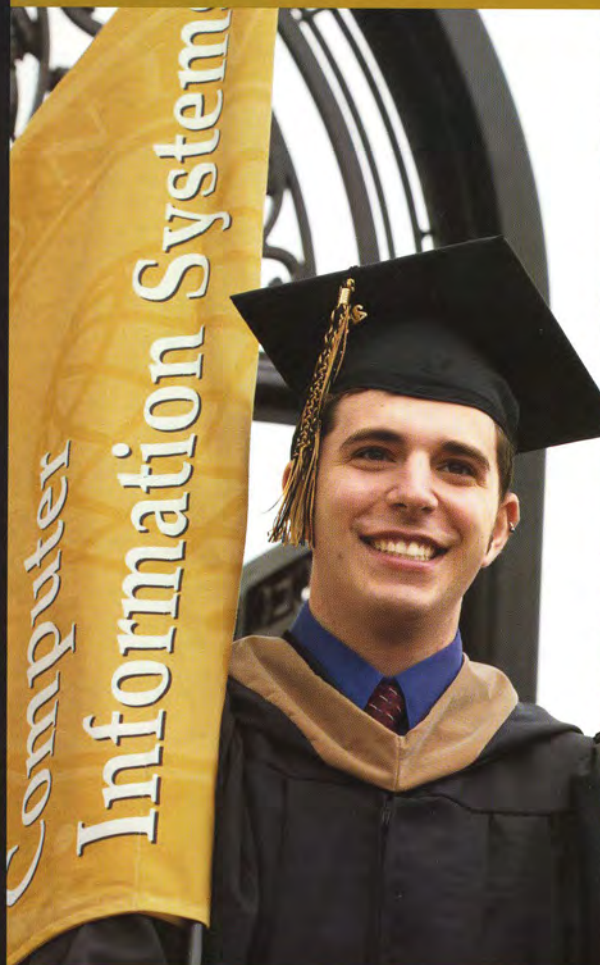
William W. (Bill) George, former chairman and CEO of Medtronic, professor of management practice at the Harvard Business School, and the author of *Authentic Leadership: Rediscovering the Secrets to Creating Lasting Values*, received an honorary degree and gave the keynote address. He advised students to be themselves and lead with their own unique qualities.

“If you are genuine with others, and practice the five dimensions of an authentic leader—knowing your purpose, practicing your values, leading with your heart, building enduring relationships, and having self-discipline—I have no doubt that you will be an authentic leader throughout your life. Not sometime in the future, but starting right now,” said George.

Also receiving honorary degrees were John D. (Jack) Callahan '56, chair of the board of directors and CEO of the Callahan Group and chair of Bryant's board of trustees from 1998 to 2005; Zhang Jingao, president of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), where he also teaches management practices; and Arthur H. White, co-founder and vice chairman of Yankelovich (formerly Yankelovich, Skelly & White) and a Bryant trustee from 1990 to 1999.

Graduate School Commencement was held on Thursday, May 19, for 123 students. Shivan S. Subramaniam, chairman and chief executive officer of FM Global in Johnston, R.I., received an honorary degree and gave the keynote address. He asked graduates to help restore the reputation of the business community after “recent high-profile investigations in the mutual fund, financial, and investment banking industries, and the disastrous meltdowns of several very large, publicly traded companies.” Said Subramaniam, “It's the only long-term approach that will be effective.”

COMMENCEMENT 2005 (continued)



New graduate Matthew Alarie proudly displays the flag of his concentration.



Janet Proulx, associate director of public relations, congratulates son Steven on earning his communication degree.



Zhang Jingao, president of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), received an honorary degree from Bryant.



President Ron Machtley, left, stands with John D. Callahan '56, past chair of the board of trustees and CEO of the Callahan Group.



Holly McCarthy, Abigail Jansen-Lonnquist, Eric Widor, and Tahani James celebrate their success as Bryant graduates during Commencement festivities.



Stan Lomangino surveys the crowd that turned out for Commencement 2005.



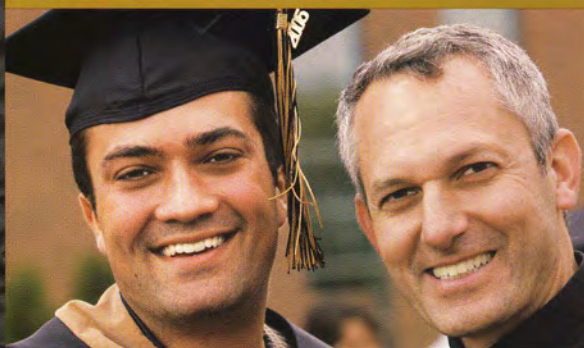
Ian Johnson, Che Perez, and Shane Cheltenham (left to right) were members of the University's Intercultural Center while students at Bryant. The Center fosters an appreciation for diversity and an understanding of other cultures.



Quentin ("Que") Phipps, president of the Student Senate, and Ryan O'Toole get psyched for what the future has in store.



Sherri D'Alessandro, of Lakeville, Mass., revels in her new status as a Bryant graduate.



CIS major Denis Ferreira (left) and the Rev. Joseph Pescatello enjoy a moment of smiles.

COMMENCEMENT 2005 *(continued)*



Heather Belanger looks joyous as her tassel blows in the wind. Could she be thinking yet about a career in marketing?



Kati Machtley (left), wife of President Ron Machtley, takes in the pomp and circumstance along with Lucy Callahan (center) and Maureen Gribbin.



Brand-new graduate and finance enthusiast Kristen Wilson stands with mom Shirley Wilson, assistant professor of management at Bryant.



Graduate Bonita Yip and associate professor of history James (Jim) Estey are picture perfect in their caps and gowns.



ROTC members Robert Jacavone, John Boyle, and Michael Thomas are sworn in at commencement exercises.



Vi Pham shares a special moment with her family.



Stephen Miller, a member of the Alumni-Admission Connection, exchanges a few cheerful words with a classmate.



Mauricia Lopes has a lot to smile about ... she has a shiny new business degree, emphasizing finance.



Marketing chair Keith Murray gets caught up in the moment.

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

The spring semester brought a variety of exciting conferences, lectures, and panel discussions.



Kenneth Cole

Fashion designer and philanthropist **Kenneth Cole** spoke on April 8 as part of the Entrepreneurial Extravaganza, sponsored by the Bryant University Global Entrepreneurship Program and the Brown University Entrepreneurship Program.

The Department of History and Social Sciences and the Department of Science and Technology joined with the U.S.-China Institute to sponsor a talk and slideshow, "War Photographs for Peace Applications," on April 14 by **Dr. Yang Lin**, director of the Archeology Division, National Museum of China, Beijing.

"The Conundrum of Body Image: Racial Identity and the Development of Body Image Issues among African American Adolescent Girls" was the subject of a lecture on March 30 by **Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber**, professor of

sociology at Boston College. The lecture was sponsored by the Department of History and Social Sciences, the Women's Center, and the Department of English and Humanities.

Peter Schultz, professor of geology and planetary science at Brown University, talked on "July 4th Fireworks: Planning for NASA's Deep Impact Mission" at an April 15 lecture sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology.

U.S. Senator **Jack Reed** spoke to the Bryant learning community as part of "Raise Your Voice" week, a national campaign that encourages student participation in public life. Student Activities, the Women's Center, the Department of Political Science, Bryant University Democrats, and Bryant University Republicans sponsored the event.

A lecture, "White is a Color, Too! Why Whiteness Matters in the Struggle Against Racism," was given April 25 by **Ashley "Woody" Doane**, associate dean for academic administration and professor of sociology at the University of Hartford, and **Patricia Rollins Trosclair**, director of the Multicultural Center at Johnson and Wales University. The event was sponsored by the Department of History and Social Sciences.



U.S. Senator Jack Reed (center) is flanked by Ted Ferik '07, Stephanie Reid '06, Briana Dowdall '06, Daniel Chin '05, and Amy Goldberg '07 during "Raise Your Voice" week.



On April 6, the Rhode Island Supreme Court conducted a full session in the Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center, where Bryant students, staff, and faculty heard lawyers argue their cases. The five Supreme Court justices (pictured, left-right), Justice Francis X. Flaherty, Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg, Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, Justice Paul A. Suttell, and Justice William P. Robinson III, heard a docket of cases including a corporate lawsuit and a murder case.

PATRIOTIC

New England Patriots head coach **Bill Belichick** spoke in the MAC March 30 as part of the Trustee Speaker Series. A capacity crowd of 1,300 guests turned out to hear this legendary coach of the Super Bowl champions talk about how knowledge and character can drive success in any organization. Coach Belichick shared anecdotes about the team and fielded questions from students. Prior to the lecture, Bryant athletic team captains, coaches, and staff enjoyed a brief visit with Coach Belichick in the Bulldog Room.



Bill Belichick

WAILIN'

Acclaimed saxophonist **Kirk Whalum** debuted a high-energy music program of jazz, soul, and funk on April 7. Whalum, who has recorded and performed with such music industry luminaries as Quincy Jones, Luther Vandross, Al Jarreau, Barbra Streisand, Nancy Wilson, and Whitney Houston, was accompanied by a full jazz orchestra. The concert followed the Alumni Achievement Awards, and was part of the President's Cultural Series in conjunction with Black History month.



Kirk Whalum

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Bryant students define success for themselves—as individuals and as team members.

Members of Bryant's **Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)** were named 2005 SIFE Regional Champions at a competition held in Hartford, Conn., on April 7. At the competition, teams were judged on how well their community service projects taught others the principles of free enterprise. The team then advanced to the SIFE USA National Exposition, hosted by the Kansas City Business Community at the end of May.

Two senior honors students, **Greg Gruenenfelder '04** of Woonsocket, R.I., and **Warren C. Noyes '04** of Waterbury, Vermont, presented a paper with Bryant Professor Hong Yang at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) held in March in Washington, D.C. The paper is titled, "Carbon isotope ratios of individual lipid markers from fossil deciduous conifers: A record of photosynthetic responses to continuous light in the polar regions during the Tertiary." Part of their honors thesis, the students' research explores molecular preservation and stable isotope signatures of the Eocene Arctic flora that existed around 45 million years ago.

Five students from Bryant University participated in the International Competition at the 2005 Delta Epsilon Chi (**DECA/DEX**) International Career Development Conference, held May 4-7 at the Disneyland Resort and Conference Center in Anaheim, Calif. Four of the five made it to the finals in their events and then placed in the "Top Ten" in their category: **Kate Ilardi '06** (Travel and Tourism category); **Michael Dee '08** (Management

Decision Making-Merchandising category); **Brenton Carr '08** (E-Commerce Decision Making category); and **Kathleen Levay '05** (Retail Management category.) DEX, a professional organization serving a diverse international membership of more than 14,000, provides leadership and career opportunities to develop and enhance tomorrow's leaders. There were 2,000 participants at this year's conference, and events were judged by business professionals who are active in their fields. In addition, Kate Ilardi was elected at the conference as Rhode Island's DEX president for next academic year.

The **Bryant University Student Alumni Association (SAA)** has been named "Outstanding Organization of the Year" among all member schools of the Association of Student Advancing Programs (ASAP) in New England and Southern Canada. The SAA faced strong competition from UMass-Amherst, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Clark University. Bryant's achievement is a credit to the outstanding membership and leadership of the organization and the support of the office of alumni relations. The Student Alumni Association also won the "Web Site of the Year" award, largely due to the creativity and technical skills of Webmaster **Michael Oliveri '08**. Visit the Web site www.bryantsaa.org for more information.

A group of first-year students from Adjunct Professor Carl Sheeler's BUS 101 class placed first in the e-Pitch Competition held February 23 as part of the **Global Entrepreneurship Program**. The five students had 90 seconds to present



SIFE members Taylor Santos '08, Julie Saucier '05, Christina Spano '06, John Higham '07, Katie Panetta '08, David Haddad '07, Adrienne Sheedy '07, Jennifer Haddon '07, Dan Gniadek '08, and Katie Pelletier '08.



SAA members Mike Oliveri '08; Phil Weiss '08; Gina Deeb '08; Gail Rotatori '08; Donna Harris, SAA Advisor; and Joe Hansen '06, SAA President.

a compelling and concise business idea to faculty and business leaders. More than 100 business group representatives from various classes were narrowed down to 10 finalists. Sheeler's class prevailed and accepted awards

and cash prizes for their model of an improved twist jar that allowed users to drain the container more efficiently. The students were **David Almonte, Dean Andrikos, David Clark, Timothy Cole, and Kevin Delade.**



The annual Relay for Life continues to grow and gain incredible support from the entire Bryant community. The third relay raised more than \$56,000 and organizers have met their three-year goal of \$150,000. This year 51 teams participated and the top teams were each led by a Bryant student.

CAMPUS NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON BRYANT

BRYANT CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

As Bryant's academic reputation continues to grow, the campus continues to host some of the most interesting business and cultural forums and events.

GOLFING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2nd Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament and subsequent auction held on June 20 at the Newport Country Club in Newport, Rhode Island, was another win for Bryant students. Twenty-six foursomes—104 total players—teed off in a shotgun format to raise more than \$50,000 for the President's Scholarship Fund at Bryant University. "The entire Bryant community works together to make this an outstanding event each year," said Glenn McQuade, corporate relations officer at

Bryant. "The success belongs in large part to the alumni and corporate sponsors who buy foursomes and make donations and to the faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends who lend a helping hand."

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE THE WOMEN'S SUMMIT

The eighth Women's Summit, "Strategies for Success," was a sellout again this year, with a record 950 registrants. Kati Machtley chaired the March 16 event, of which Fidelity Investments was



Pictured are (l. to r.) Tom Celona '69; President Machtley; Jerry Cerce '69.

WORLD TRADE DAY

The John H. Chafee Center for International Business at Bryant celebrated the 20th anniversary of World Trade Day at Bryant on May 26 with a program titled "Keys to Success in Today's Global Economy."

This year's keynote speakers included Thomas "Mack" McLarty, president of

Kissinger & McLarty Associates in Washington, D.C., who served under President Clinton as his Chief of Staff and as a Special Envoy for the Americas.

The conference continues to grow in attendance and in regional and national stature, with more than 500 businesspeople in attendance. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions



Pictured are Bryant President Ron Machtley; keynote speakers Martha Barletta, Carolyn Kepcher, and Michele Hoskins; and Summit Chair Kati Machtley.

the primary sponsor.

The predominantly female audience immediately connected with opening keynote speaker Martha Barletta, president of The TrendSight Group, a Chicago-based consultancy that helps Fortune 1000 companies tap into the buying power of women. She is also the author of *Marketing to Women: How to Understand, Reach, and Increase Your Share of the World's Largest Market Segment*, which is now in its third printing.

Luncheon keynote speaker was Carolyn Kepcher, executive vice president of the Trump Organization. Kepcher, whose popularity has soared with her role on NBC's hit reality series,

"The Apprentice," is also the author of *Carolyn 101: Business Lessons from The Apprentice's Straight Shooter*.

Michele Hoskins, founder of Michele Foods, Inc., is a single mother and former school teacher whose products are distributed in more than 4,000 food stores nationwide. She recently published *Sweet Expectations: Michele Hoskins' Recipe for Success*.

In between keynote addresses, conference attendees had the opportunity to attend a wide range of enriching and inspirational workshops led by national, regional, and local speakers, as well as Bryant faculty and staff. A networking reception capped the day.

spotlight trade opportunities to help businesses support their growth strategies. The conference gives manufacturers and service companies a chance to network and learn about the latest international business developments.

The Platinum Sponsor for the event was Bank of America. Gold Sponsors were GTECH, *The Providence Journal*, and

UPS. Silver Sponsors included HB Communications; PricewaterhouseCoopers; The Hartford; Tillinghast Licht, LLP; and the Beacon Mutual Insurance Company.

This event is made possible through a partnership between Bryant University and the R.I. Economic Development Corporation and the State of Rhode Island.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

BRYANT GETS AN "A"

In May, Standard & Poor's (S&P) raised its long-term rating on Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corp.'s outstanding debt issued for Bryant University to an "A." It was previously an "A-." This places Bryant among a prestigious group of more than 20 colleges and universities in New England that have received an "A" rating.

TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY

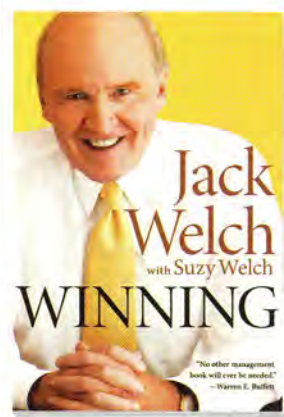
Bryant's #2 ranking on the list of the top 10 most connected campuses by *The Princeton Review* was prominently mentioned in *USA Today* this

past March. Rankings are measured by computer-to-student ratio (specifically, university/computer lab computers, not privately owned ones) and wired and wireless broadband networking capacity, as well as whether or not students are required to have a computer on campus. In March, Bryant's Laptop Central support program received the IBM Self Maintainer award for the fourth time in two years. The award is given to the organizational program that exceeds the national average in quality and efficiency of repairs for in-house technology support. Bryant has also been selected to receive

the 2005 ACUTA Award for Institutional Excellence in Communications Technology in the Small Size Institution category. This past year, Bryant was the first runner-up in the public sector category in the Cisco Growing with Technology Awards 2004.

BRYANT IS "WINNING"

Jack Welch, retired chairman and chief executive officer of General Electric Company, has just published a new book, *Winning*, and according to Warren E. Buffett, "No other management book will ever be needed." A sample of Welch's wisdom: "I learned that smart people come from every kind



of school. I've known many extremely bright people from places like Harvard and Yale. But some of the best executives I've worked with have attended places like Bryant University."

WHAT'S NEW AT BRYANT

There is always something new to talk about at Bryant...

NEW TRUSTEE AND NEW BOARD CHAIR NAMED

Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H, of Swansea, Mass., has been named chairman of the board of trustees. Taylor, who has served as a trustee since 1999, succeeds Jack Callahan '56.

Taylor was president and CEO of Amica Insurance, located in Lincoln, R.I., from 1995 until his retirement last February. He is a former director of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the board of the Property Loss Research Bureau, a former director of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of

America, and served as chairman of the board of its predecessor organization, the Alliance of American Insurers. He is a former director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

Jennifer L. Markacs '05, of Farmingville, N.Y., has been named Recent Alumni Trustee. She received a bachelor of science in business administration with concentrations in marketing and management, and a bachelor of arts in liberal studies with a concentration in communication, summa cum laude. She also received a Senior Service Award at Commencement. She works for Acosta Sales and Marketing in Marlborough, Mass.

CHANGES IN UNIVERSITY RELATIONS TEAM

Ed Sevilla has left Bryant University to assume the position of executive director of marketing at Stonehill College, a newly-created cabinet-level role.

Sevilla has made significant contributions to Bryant while leading the University Relations team. These include editing *Bryant Business* and developing Bryant's institutional brand positioning. He has built a first-class team at Bryant, and we will certainly miss him.

To assure a smooth transition, Renee Buisson, who has worked closely with Sevilla as director of university relations, has agreed to serve as interim executive director.

BRYANT LITERARY REVIEW

The sixth edition of the *Bryant Literary Review (BLR)*, a national journal of poetry and fiction, has been published. An editorial board of faculty, students, and staff selected seven short stories and 24 poems from



approximately 3,000 submissions from across the country and around the world. The original work of Dan Dabrowski '04 is featured. Copies are \$8. For a preview of the journal, go to <http://web.bryant.edu/~blr>. The BLR is sponsored in part by the *Woonsocket Call*, the *Pawtucket Times*, Bryant's Academic Affairs and University Advancement divisions, and the Faculty Development Center. Submissions for the next issue are being accepted through December 31, 2005. See the Web site for guidelines.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The new Communication Complex is open for business (and everything else). Located in the Koffler Center, the 3,000 square-foot digital, multi-media communication facility is the centerpiece of the \$5 million Koffler Center renovation and a key component in the evolution of Bryant's communication program.

CAMPUS NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

Bryant has always been about changing lives—and making connections. Bryant alumni are finding many ways to reconnect, as the following stories illustrate.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Some Bryant alumni were pleasantly surprised this year when they received their annual phone call asking them to contribute to Bryant's Annual Fund. That's because Bryant students were on the other end instead of a telemarketing firm.

"Surveys indicate that alumni want to speak to current students, not professional callers located in another state," says Laurie Musgrove, vice president for university advancement. To make that happen, Bryant instituted an on-campus calling program and is working with RuffaloCODY, a consulting firm for nonprofits,

to train students to effectively make those calls.

"Bryant student callers are able to answer any questions alumni might have about what's happening on campus, and that helps alumni feel more connected," says Nick Talley, RuffaloCODY program manager.

And alumni responded well to the students. One-third of the pledges received are from alumni who have never before contributed to Bryant, and more than 25 percent of alumni who are in the calling program are making a gift.

"People have been happy to hear from an actual Bryant



Pictured with President Ron Machtley (right) are Alumni Achievement Award winners Professor Robert Muksian, David Alladice '61, Marlin Hershey '91, and Buzz Waltman '76.

student," says Jason Verissimo '05, of Hyannis, Mass. "They're very enthusiastic about Bryant's recent successes and where we are going."

ALUMNI LAURELS

Three Bryant alumni and an outstanding faculty member were honored with the Annual Alumni Achievement Award at a reception held on April 6 on campus, prior to a special concert in Janikies: **David E. Alladice '61**, Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding professional achievement or community service; **Buzz Waltman '76**, Nelson J. Gulski Service Award for exemplary and longstanding volunteer service to Bryant or the Alumni Association; **Marlin S. Hershey '91**, Young Alumni Leadership Award, for innovative, responsible, professional leadership, personal achievement, and dedicated community service; and **Robert Muksian Ph.D.**, Distinguished Faculty Award for his high level of devotion to teaching at Bryant.



(Left-right) Jason Verissimo '05, Hyannis, Mass.; Andrew Josephs '08, Rumford, R.I.; and Catherine Donahue '07, Holyoke, Mass., reach out to fellow alums to reconnect them with Bryant and gain support for the Annual Fund.

TELL US YOUR BRYANT STORY

In May, Bryant reached out to alumni with a "My Story" postcard, asking alumni to share their Bryant stories. Here's what Lloyd Cahoon '66 of Port Townsend, Wa., had to say:

My recollections of my time at Bryant are a mixture of many different experiences—academic and social.

I was an accounting major, and I will never forget all of the terrific professors that contributed to my education.

Henry Lee taught cost accounting with enthusiasm, a sense of humor, and at times a sense of irreverence—you couldn't help but pay attention. Dr. Thomas Manion was one of my heroes—intelligent, classy, and demanding. James Ingraham was perhaps one of the best professors that I ever experienced—talk about the power of humor to teach!

Herbert McLaughlin, professor of law, put life into the study of law—quite an accomplishment.

I also enjoyed the festivals with the floats, galas, queens, and princesses. Phi Sigma Nu was a wonderful source of friendship. And hours spent playing ping-pong in the recreation room above the Canteen were surprisingly competitive.

Bryant was a great time in my life. I entered the work place at General Electric Company shortly after graduation

as a trained, educated, and confident young man. And my confidence in myself, instilled as a result of Bryant's nurturing, has never abated.



To share your story ...

1. Log on to www.bryant.edu/mystory; or
2. Send an e-mail to mystory@bryant.edu; or
3. Send a letter to: University Relations, Attention Tina Senecal '95, Bryant University, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917

Please include the name you attended Bryant under, your class year, and a phone number or e-mail address. You'll get a Bryant Alumni window decal when you submit.

Due to space considerations, we may edit submissions.

ALUMNI-ADMISSION CONNECTION

Help the Next Generation Achieve and Succeed

As a graduate of Bryant, you can help us continue to recruit a diverse group of quality students. Join fellow alumni around the country by becoming a part of the Alumni-Admission Connection (AAC). Your involvement will vary depending on your interests, availability, geographic location, and graduation class. Some of the activities you may become involved in include:

Referrals

Help us identify high school students to whom Bryant admission materials should be sent.

College Fairs

If you live within an hour of an upcoming college fair location, you may be invited to represent Bryant at one of these events. This is a great way

to share your enthusiasm and meet prospective students. Several hundred inquiries are brought back to Bryant each year as a result of these fairs.

Recruiting Events

Throughout the year, AAC members actively participate in on- and off-campus recruiting events such as our fall and spring open houses. Depending on the event, you might talk about your career or simply mingle with prospective students and their families.

Phone Calling Campaign

During the spring semester, you may be invited to participate in this major campaign to answer questions that admitted students have about Bryant and encourage students to accept our offer of admission.



To join the AAC or for further information, contact Michelle (Barbato) Casale '95, associate director for events and volunteers, at **(800)622-7001** or mbarbato@bryant.edu.

CLASS NOTES

1961

CAROL (ANISEWSKI) CORWIN of Cranston, R.I., was appointed commercial loan officer at The Bank of Fall River in Fall River, Mass. Carol will be responsible for the origination of commercial and real estate loans in the Southeastern Massachusetts market area for the Bank.



1966

ALAN H. RYDER of Cranston, R.I., received the annual Excellence Award from the Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Alan is a senior audit manager in the Office of the Auditor General for the State of Rhode Island in Pawtucket.

1970

MARY L. DEMANBEY of Manchester, Conn., a program manager with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association in Hartford, Conn., manages a National Science Foundation grant, which brings community college and high school math and science teachers into the workplace so they can help their students connect what they are learning with real life applications.

1975

MARCIA (MARONI) KIELB of Westfield, Mass., was named a partner in a new franchise, Candy Bouquet International, which is headquartered in Little Rock, Ark. Marcia's retail store in Simsbury, Conn., is a delicious and different alternative to flowers.

STEVEN C. LERNER of Albany, N.Y., was named director of business development at Axiom-Capital in Albany, which structures high end, upscale commercial real estate projects/transactions in the Northeast and throughout the country.

KEVIN C. SMITH of Fairborn, Ohio, was elected vice-chair for the City of Fairborn Planning Board. Kevin is also an academic advisor at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

1976

MICHAEL A. DECATALDO '83MST of Johnston, R.I., was elected president of The Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants (RISCPA). Michael is also a managing member of SKM Wealth Management, L.L.C., in Providence, R.I.



PAUL A. REPLENSKI of Wilmington, Del., is the assistant corporate accounting manager for Wawa, Inc., in Wilmington.

1977

FRANK M. MANCIERI '86MBA of Woonsocket, R.I., joined B2B CFO as an independent chief financial officer. B2B CFO is a national CFO company of financial professionals providing solutions to business problems based on timely and accurate financial statements. Frank is also an adjunct faculty member at Rhode Island College in Providence, R.I.



STEPHEN A. MURRAY of West Hartford, Conn., retired as Sergeant from the Town of West Hartford, Conn., Police Department. Stephen, in his 26 year career, received seven departmental medals and nearly 50 letters of commendation. Stephen is currently an investigator with The Hartford Life Insurance Company in Windsor, Conn., handling long-term disability fraud cases.

1978

RONALD T. OGUNMOLA MBA of Lagos State, Nigeria, retired as manager, project analysis for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation after 25 years of service.



ANGELA (GESUALDI) THOMSON of Lincoln, R.I., a principal of Coastal Financial Planning, Inc., in Lincoln, was recognized by the *Providence Journal* as one of the "Women to Watch 2005" in the January 2005 Money and Business focus piece.

1979

DAVID A. BELHUMEUR '90MBA of Cumberland, R.I., is the chief executive officer of McCabe & Associates, Inc., in Warwick, R.I. David is also the co-founder of Oridium, a technology investment and management firm, with **KENNETH J. PERREIRA** of Cranston, R.I. David is involved with several local charities and serves as the president of the board of directors of The Tomorrow Fund at Hasbro Children's Hospital, which is a local charity that provides financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families.

DONALD L. DIBLASI of Johnston, R.I., was named vice president and business development officer for BankRI in Providence, R.I. Don will be responsible for generating new loan business, increasing core deposits, and developing small business customers.



KENNETH J. PEREIRA of Cranston, R.I., is president of McCabe & Associates, Inc., in Warwick, R.I. Ken is also the co-founder of Oridium, a technology investment and management firm, with **DAVID A. BELHUMEUR** '90MBA. Ken is involved with many charities including The Tomorrow Fund at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Heart2Heart, a charity for children with heart defects.

1980

MICHAEL T. COPERTINO of Shelton, Conn., joined The Jeff Wright Real Estate Group and RE/MAX International located in Trumbull, Conn.

JOANNE (BUCCI) GRANATA of Warwick, R.I., was promoted to senior vice president and regional manager in risk management and credit review at Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I. Joanne chairs the board of directors for the Kent County YMCA and is a member of the board of directors for the Greater Providence YMCA.



1981

REGINA (JONES) MEAD of Monroe, Conn., was elected president of NAWBO-CT (National Association of Women Business Owners-Connecticut Chapter). NAWBO is a national organization that specializes in meeting the needs of women business owners.

GEORGE M. THOMSON of South Windsor, Conn., earned his designation as a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) and is certified to do valuation analysis to determine the value of a business. George is the head of the Business Valuation Practice at Filomeno & Company in West Hartford, Conn.

1982

BARBARA (PAGLIO) CAMERON MBA, '98CAGS of North Providence, R.I., was promoted to vice president/technology project manager for Citizen Services Group at Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I. Barbara is a volunteer for The San Miguel School in Providence.

RAYMOND C. CHURCH of North Smithfield, R.I., was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Ray is the executive director of CPAs in Providence, R.I.

DAVID L. FOGEL of Bradford, Mass., was named a partner, chief operating officer, and director of business development at Lighthouse Placement Services in Bradford. David will be specializing in contract and direct placement services in technical disciplines for clients in Eastern Massachusetts, Southern New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

DUANE J. LEFEVRE of Belmont, Mass., joined the faculty at Wigan and Leigh College in Bangalore, India, for a period of two years. Duane is teaching marketing and strategic management to graduate students in Bangalore's largest MBA-type program. He is the only American faculty member in India at the UK-based college and has guest lectured at the college's other campuses in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, and Kolkata.



EILEEN (FAY) VRABEL of Montville, N.J., was named to the staff at Kinnelon High School in Kinnelon, N.J., to formulate a Business Education Department. Eileen is also teaching courses in the areas of business and marketing, college accounting, personal finance, and career planning.

1983

MARK R. LAUZIER of Coral Springs, Fla., was appointed city manager for the City of Parkland, Fla.

MARK J. LOISELLE '98 MBA of Warwick, R.I., was named director of finance for The Saint Elizabeth Community in East Greenwich, R.I., which provides housing and medical assistance to 472 residents in four locations. He will be responsible for financial reporting and auditing compliance for the non-profit organization. Mark volunteers in the community and has served as the treasurer of Caritas House, an adolescent drug-treatment center in Pawtucket, R.I.



1984

ALAN L. BORTNICK of Framingham, Mass., was named vice president of finance-orthopaedics at Accellent Inc., a medical device manufacturer in Newton, Mass.

DEIRDRE (O'MALLEY) LEYDEN of South Yarmouth, Mass., earned the nationally recognized e-Pro certification, which is an online course for real estate professionals to maximize the use of the internet to service clients. This designation is held by less than one percent of real estate professionals nationwide.

SCOTT B. WRAGG '90MST



of Cranston, R.I., was named a shareholder in the tax group at Tofias PC, which has offices in Cambridge, Mass., and Providence, R.I.

1985

RICHARD B. ALBERT of London, England, was promoted to vice president, international partnerships for American Express, which is based in London. Richard will be responsible for developing and negotiating new strategic consumer and small business card issuing and marketing partnerships.

1986

MARIA ELENA (GRECO) LEONARD of Lincoln, R.I., was appointed senior vice president/director of professional practices of internal audit at Citizens Financial Group, Inc., in Providence, R.I. Maria will be responsible for developing audit division strategies, implementing employee development programs, and financial planning activities for the Internal Audit Department. Maria serves on the board of directors of the Greater Providence YWCA.

DORIS A. WILSON '89, '97MBA of Greenville, R.I., was named process and IT specialist for Tuthill Energy Systems in Millbury, Mass.

1987

EMANUEL E. BARROWS of Rumford, R.I., a senior vice president of business lending at BankRI in Providence, R.I., was appointed to the board of trustees at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.



CAPT. JAMES T. HARRINGTON MBA of Newport, R.I., retired from active duty after 30 years of service with the U.S. Navy. Jim had served at the Navy Warfare Development Command of the Naval War College in Newport.

1988

MARTIN J. CORMIER of Rockaway, N.J., was named to a senior management position as inventory control manager at Pep Boys NYDC in Chester, N.Y.

JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM of Portland, Ore., was promoted to president and general manager of the Portland Beavers baseball team. The Beavers are the Triple-A affiliate of the major league San Diego Padres.

STEVEN L. DEBLIECK of Grafton, Mass., was named the information systems manager for the accounting firm of Sansiveri, Kimball, and McNamee, L.L.P. Steve will be responsible for all aspects of network and information systems at their Providence, Westerly, and Newport, R.I. offices.



AMY (MCFARLAND) ROLLINS of Lincolnville, Maine, was promoted to assistant vice president at The First, N.A. in Rockport, Maine.



1989

DAVID M. GOODMAN of Lansdale, Penn., director of marketing at Advanta Corp., in Spring House, Penn., was named vice president of the United States Tennis Association Board of Directors for the 2005-2006 term. Dave completed his third season as the official announcer for the Philadelphia Freedoms and the World Team Tennis professional league.

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DONALD IRWIN IV of Oak Hill, Va., was promoted to managing director at JPMorgan Private Bank. Don is a senior financial advisor within the firm's Washington, D.C., Private Bank office. Don was recognized in *Worth* magazine as one of the top 100 financial advisors in the country.

GARY A. MILLER of Chester, N.Y., was promoted to vice president, financial planning and analysis for Ajilon in Saddle Brook, N.J. Ajilon specializes in the temporary and permanent placement of premier accounting and finance professionals.

BRIAN D. SCHOLTEN of Leominster, Mass., was named registrar at Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Mass.

1990

JOHN D. CLAYPOOLE of New York, N.Y., vice president of The Citigroup Private Bank, was recognized for the third consecutive year by The Citigroup Foundation for his outstanding continued contributions to community service. John is a conservator and benefactor of the Central Park Conservancy, benefactor of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and soup kitchen volunteer for Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). The Citigroup Foundation recognized this continued outstanding dedication and commitment with a grant for GMHC.

JOHN R. KENNEDY and **JUDITH (DOUGHTY) KENNEDY** of Coventry, Conn., are pleased to announce the opening of their EmbroidMe franchise store in Vernon, Conn. The store sells embroidered logo apparel, screen printed items, team uniforms, and promotional products.

1991

DONALD J. DESFOSSE of Chelmsford, Mass., was promoted to senior manager, performance excellence at the Raytheon Company in Andover, Mass.

RICHARD P. FARIAS MBA of Somerset, Mass., was named executive vice president at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island in Providence, R.I. Richard is actively involved in several community organizations including serving on the board of directors of IN-SIGHT, formerly known as the Rhode Island Association for the Blind. Richard is also a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island.

JEFFREY M. FRYER of Southington, Conn., was promoted to director of tax reporting and audits at Crompton Corporation in Middlebury, Conn. Crompton Corp. produces specialty chemicals and polymer products and equipment that are marketed in more than 120 countries.

KEVIN D. MENTZER of Worcester, Mass., was promoted to director at Blue Cod Technologies in Marlborough, Mass. Kevin will be responsible for software development.

1992

JOHN A. CIRELLO of New Haven, Conn., was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. John is a partner in the law firm, Cirello and Vessicchio, LLC, in New Haven.

CHARLES P. MERRIHEW MBA of Cazenovia, N.Y., was named associate vice president for the Office of Principal Gifts



and Chancellor's Initiatives at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. Chuck will coordinate the Chancellor's Special projects, including current community engagement initiatives.

1993

PAUL B. BUCHANAN of Warwick, R.I., was appointed vice president/senior finance manager at Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I. Paul is a member of and a certified management accountant with the Institute of Management Accountants.

LARA (HUEMPFNER) DELLA VALLE of Walpole, Mass., was named tax compliance manager at The Gagnon Group LLC, in Boston, Mass.

DAWN T. GENEROUS of London, England, interactive creative director at TMP Worldwide in London, was a member of the creative team that was recognized with the International Business Stevie Award in interactive multimedia training for a global online communications series for Unilever.

MICHAEL N. GRECO of Fairfield, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president of research and planning for MTV 360. Mike will oversee all the quantitative research for the various MTV screens, working closely with the scheduling and programming department and ad sales group to map out strategies.

ADAM B. JOFFE '95MBA of New City, N.Y., passed the chartered financial analyst (CFA) exam and was promoted to director-global business area controller for absolute return strategies at Deutsche Bank in New York.

1994

MARILYN JOLY of Newport, R.I., was named retail analyst, vice president for BankRI in Providence, R.I. Marilyn will be responsible for aligning the firm's transactional business data and technology systems with its marketing strategy. Marilyn, an active member of the American Marketing Association, is a volunteer business counselor for the Center for Women & Enterprise in Providence and for the Newport County Interfaith Network.

PHILLIP D. MORIN of Providence, R.I., was promoted to strategic sourcing analyst at CVS Corporation in Woonsocket, R.I. Phil will be responsible for sourcing categories, negotiating pricing and terms, and writing contracts.

1995

BRIAN M. BAIN of Medway, Mass., was recognized as one of "America's Top 50 Kids Teachers" by U.S. Kids Golf. Brian is the Head PGA Golf Pro at Brookline Golf Club in Brookline, Mass.

RENE (MCGOVERN) FISHER of Litchfield, Conn., received a master of business administration degree in finance from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. Rene was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society.

JOSHUA I. HANSEL of Houston, Texas, was named the national accounts manager at Constellation NewEnergy Inc., in Houston.

JULIE (WHITE) LENAGHAN of Washington, D.C., is a compliance examiner for the Department of Enforcement at NASD, in Washington, D.C.

1996

SHEIKH H. ASLAM MBA of Karachi, Pakistan., was promoted to finance manager for beverages business at the Unilever Pakistan office.

ANTHONY A. BOTELHO MBA of Lincoln, R.I., was promoted to senior vice president/team leader of commercial real estate lending for Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I. Anthony is a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Pawtucket Foundation and is also a member of the board of trustees of the Northern R.I. Chamber of Commerce. He is a volunteer coach for the Cumberland/Lincoln Boys and Girls Club and a volunteer coach and instructor for the Lincoln Youth Soccer Association.

MELISSA L. WAGNER of Watertown, Mass., is a photographer and owns her own photography business specializing in weddings and other corporate events including portraits.

1997

JENNIFER A. D'ANDREA of Newport, R.I., joined CIGNA International and will be assigned to Shenzhen, China, for a period of nine months as the HR manager for the China region.

NIRBHAY V. KUMAR of Stamford, Conn., was appointed to account manager for OpenLink Financial, in New York, N.Y., a risk management and trading software vendor.

1999

M. SCOTT MACLEOD MBA of Attleboro, Mass., is the senior sales executive at More Group, Inc., in Middleboro, Mass.

DAVID J. ZAJCHOWSKI of Winter Garden, Fla., received a master of business administration degree in management from the Rollins College Crummer Graduate School of Business in Winter Park, Fla.

2000

RYAN J. HOLZINGER '01MSA of North Providence, R.I., was named a staff accountant at Syner, Cavallaro, and Cabral, LLP, in Cranston, R.I.



KERRI-BETH ST. JACQUES of West Warwick, R.I., was named a collateral specialist at Fidelity Investments Marketing Department in Smithfield, R.I.

JESSICA E. TRENT of Marlborough, Mass., completed the U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Jessica completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction.

2001

DARCI (BROWN) BLY of Charlotte, N.C., a certified public accountant, purchased an accounting and tax firm in Charlotte.

BREE L. DILLON of Wethersfield, Conn., was named new business strategist for CIGNA Healthcare in Jersey City, N.J.

JEANNE-MARIE (DOUBLET) HOLYOAK of Boylston, Mass., was promoted to implementation analyst at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough, Mass.

CHRISTINE M. MARDO of Quincy, Mass., was promoted to supervising accountant in the reinsurance department at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston, Mass.

KENNETH A. MARSHALL JR. of Baltic, Conn., and **CHRISTOPHER QUARTARONE** of Nesconset, N.Y., co-launched an internet-based marketing venue for extreme vehicles including dirt bikes, jet skis, snowmobiles, ATVs, and amphibious vehicles. The site's mission is to create a common marketplace for both the extreme buyer and seller.

2002

CARRIE I. BLAIR of Edgartown, Mass., was named classified sales representative for the *Martha's Vineyard Times* in Edgartown.

DEVON S. ELLSWORTH of Shrewsbury, Mass., is a marketing analyst for Fidelity Investments in Marlborough, Mass.

EDWARD F. IZBICKI JR. of Union, N.J., was named regional account manager for the East Coast of the United States at Managed Healthcare Associates, Inc., in Florham Park, N.J.

COLIN D. KELLEY of Waltham, Mass., was promoted to technical account manager and director of research at Open Ratings, Inc., in Waltham.

MICHAEL G. MAKSYMOW JR. of Manchester, Conn., a certified public accountant, received a master of science degree from the University of Connecticut. Michael was the recipient of the 2004 "Candidate's Award" scholarship, which is established to assist college graduates in meeting the educational requirements to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination.

PATRICK N. POCALYKO of New City, N.Y., completed basic training for the U.S. Navy in Great Lakes, Ill. Patrick completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

NICOLE A. WHITESIDE of North Attleboro, Mass., was named a proposal specialist at New York Life Investment Management in Westwood, Mass.

2003

SARAH L. SMITH formerly of Mankato, Minn., was named the women's volleyball coach at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Va.

STEVEN R. SCHOLZ of Paramus, N.J., was named a funding specialist at RBS Greenwich Capital in Greenwich, Conn.

2004

SCOTT W. CALLAHAN of East Granby, Conn., was named background screening analyst at Citigroup in Hartford, Conn.

JOSE R. DE LA ROCHA of Miami, Fla., is employed by Lloyds TSB Bank in Miami. Jose is managing accounts for the Peru, Paraguay, and Chile markets.

RACHEL L. HARPER of New London, Conn., was named a sales representative for Hershey Foods Corporation in New London.

TRACY A. MELON of North Providence, R.I., was named a staff accountant in the auditing and accounting group at Sansiveri, Kimball, and McNamee LLP, in Providence, R.I.



SYLVIA P. WEINSTOCK of Framingham, Mass., was appointed senior annuity service administrator at Sun Life Financial in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

2005

LISA M. TRAMONTOZZI of Saugus, Mass., was named a field administrator for the Chrysler/Jeep account with BBDO Worldwide in Boston, Mass.

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IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY (MURRAY) BLACKWOOD '23
March 20, 2005

HELEN (FISKE) IRONS '23
February 2, 2005

LINDA (ZEPPA) DISANTO '30
December 7, 2004

ROBERT J. BONNER '31
December 14, 2004

JAMES F. DUFFY '32
January 14, 2005

THELMA (BIRNSTEIN) STRASSEL '32
December 10, 2004

VELMA (COLLINGWOOD)
STANSFIELD '33
March 12, 2005

OLIVE (HARRINGTON) GARTNER '34
October 16, 2004

DORIS (VARLEY) DICK '35
February 9, 2005

NADA (LUCAS) ST. AUBIN '35
February 12, 2005

GRACE R. ALDSWORTH '36
December 1, 2004

LAURA (SIMMONDS) BARNES '37
May 5, 2005

JOSEPH F. ESPOSITO '37
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April 21, 2005

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